

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, March 5, 2021  
9:00 AM PST

**Day 1 (Friday):** Strong winds gusting 40-60+ mph expected across the northern California mountains today, spreading south into the central Sierra tonight. Rain and mountain snow will also spread across northern California late today into tonight.

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# **WEATHER KEY POINTS**

**03/05/21 - 03/11/21**

## **Friday-Saturday**

- Strong winds will gust 40-60+ mph over the northern California mountains today, spreading into the central Sierra tonight
- Light to moderate rain and mountain snow will arrive over northwest California late this afternoon, spreading over the remainder of northern and eventually central California later tonight into Saturday
  - Snow levels 4,000-5,000 feet initially but falling to 2,000-3,000 feet late tonight and Saturday, with amounts of 3 to locally 10 inches
  - Rainfall amounts of 1 to locally 3 inches across northwest California through Saturday, tapering to around one-quarter inch near the Bay Area and Sacramento Valley

## **Sunday-Thursday**

- Several additional periods of rain and mountain snow return late Sunday and continue through much of next week. At this time, the most widespread precipitation looks to fall Tuesday and Wednesday
- Some stronger winds may return to southern California Tuesday and Wednesday



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

03/05/21 - 03/11/21

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	Coastal/ Interior	Interior (Sierra)			Southern	Southern	
<b>Snow</b>	Coastal/ Interior	Coastal/ Interior		Coastal/ Interior	Interior	Interior	Interior
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)							
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding/ Debris Flow</b>		Coastal (Northwest CA)					
<b>Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



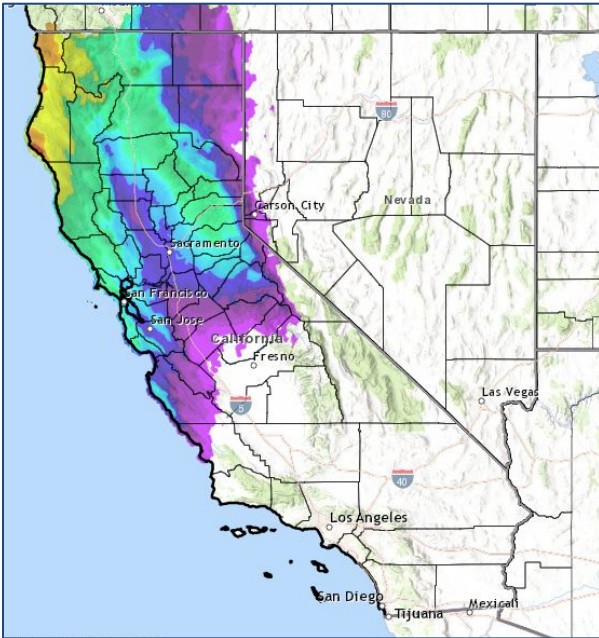
Moderate Impacts



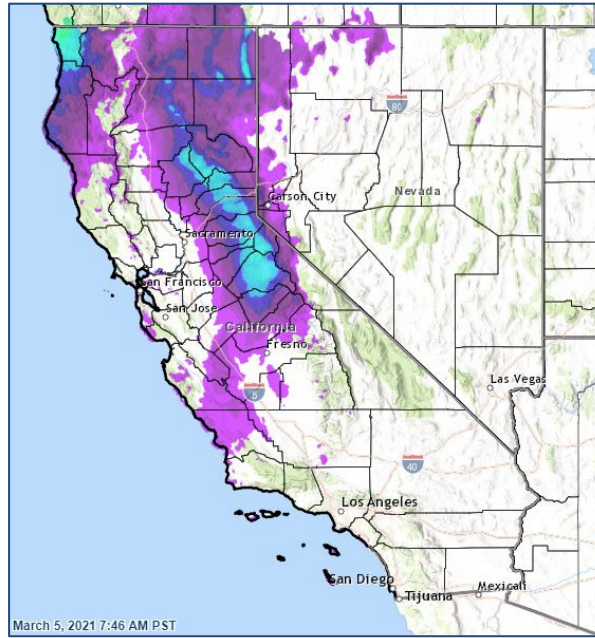
Severe Impacts

# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

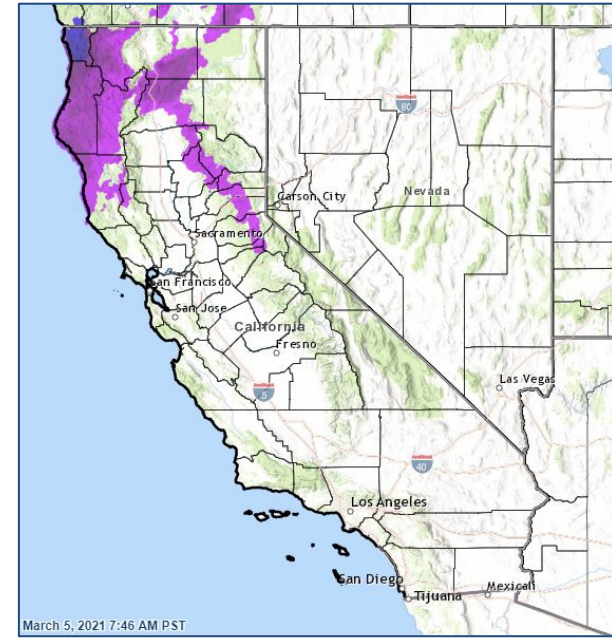
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**Friday**



**Saturday**



**Sunday**

**Precipitation (inches)**



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**03/10/21 - 03/18/21**

## **6-10 Day Outlook (March 10 – March 14)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures are strongly favored statewide

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation is favored for much of the state, except for far northern California where near normal precipitation is favored

## **8-14 Day Outlook (March 12 – March 18)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures are strongly favored statewide

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation is favored for northern California, with near normal precipitation favored for the remainder of the state



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